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For: Process for Producing Syngas
in a Short Contact Time Reactor
Using Catalytic Partial Oxidation of
Hydrogen Sulfide§
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Examiner: T. Vanoy

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231Att'y Docket No. 1856-00301
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Sir:

This paper is filed before any action on the merits in this case. Please enter the following amendments before examination. An Appendix is attached showing the changes that have been made to the originally filed specification and claims by underlining the new text and striking out the deleted text.

In the Drawings:

Please replace sheet 2/2 of the drawings, containing Fig. 2, with the enclosed replacement sheet 2/2 containing amended Fig. 2. A marked-up version of Fig. 2 is also appended showing by circling and/or marking in ink the prepared changes that have been made to the figure as originally filed.

In the Specification:

On page 4, please replace the second paragraph (lines 5-9) with the following paragraph:

The process most commonly used to recover elemental sulfur from H₂S gas is the modified Claus sulfur recovery process. The conventional Claus process is well known in the art, and is also